

New Policy regarding Transcripts available online through PACER.

Implementation of the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system over the past decade has allowed remote electronic access to federal case files in the Western District of Washington. The only type of court document not yet publicly available online **nationwide** has been the transcripts of court proceedings.

Pursuant to Judicial Conference policy, transcripts of federal district court proceedings will soon be available online through the Judiciary's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system.

Under the new policy, transcripts created by court reporters or transcribers will be available for **inspection only** at the clerk of court's office or **may be purchased from the court reporter or transcriber** during an initial **90 day period**.

**90 days after they are delivered to the clerk**, individuals will be able to view, download, or print a copy of a transcript from PACER for eight cents per page.

A policy regarding redaction procedures for transcripts is forthcoming. Information regarding the court's redaction policy will be posted in the courtrooms and the court's website before implementation.

Questions regarding the new policies can be directed to Sharon Haas at (206) 370-8482.